

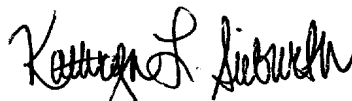
**Remarks**

Claims 1-16 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Applicants wish to make a provisional election of Group I, i.e. claims 1-12, without traverse.

Applicants are further required to make an election of species. However, it appears that the Examiner is limiting Applicants to the choice of copolymers recited in claim 2. Applicants, however, would rather choose the species defined in claim 4 – where the polymer is a block co-polymer. If a further species election is required, Applicants elect the hydrophilic polymer recited in claim 6 and the hydrophobic polymer recited in claim 9.

In addition, Applicants retain the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter should the restriction requirement become final. Authorization is hereby granted to charge any fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

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